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SUBJECT: Chinese Communist Air Force in the East  
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1. An airfield repair program has been carried on in the East China Military District since February 1950, and there are now 34 operational airfields in this area. Repair work on three fields in Fukien was started in May 1950 and was scheduled to be completed in three months.
2. There are nine principal air bases in the East China District. They are: (1) Ta Chiang, Shanghai, (2) Ta Chiao Chiang (大校場), Nanjing, (3) Shan Jen Ch'iao (善人橋), Soochow, (4) Chien Ch'iao (寬橋), Hangchow, (5) Ningpo, (6) Haichow, (7) Tsingtao, (8) Chienou (118-19, 27-04), and (9) Changting (116-20, 25-45).
3. At present there are 54 planes assigned to the East China District. Among the fighter planes there are no Soviet Yak-21 jet planes. Those which previously appeared in the East China District were owned and operated by the USSR.
4. Air forces in the East China Military District are under the direct control of the Central Air Command (中央軍航空總部). Ground crews, however, are controlled by the Air Force Section of the Services and Supply Headquarters of the East China Military District. Because of an acute shortage of ground-crew personnel at present, a few fields have not been used since being repaired.
5. On 25 July 1950 there were no planes to be found at five of the nine principal East China District bases. These five were: Shanghai, Soochow, Ningpo, Chienou, and Changting.

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